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Educators Featured at Conference

Two noted educators will be featured speakers at a conference on "Teaching Recent U.S. Foreign Policy" to be held this weekend at Idaho State University.

Dr. Lawrence S. Kaplan, a professor and director of the Lyman H. Lemnitzer Center for NATO Studies at Kent State University, will speak on "NATO and U.S. Security: Forty Years After World War II" at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Salmon River Suite of the Student Union Building.

Dr. Sandra C. Taylor, a professor of history at the University of Utah whose area of specialization is the Vietnam War, will discuss "The CIA in Vietnam" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9, in the Salmon River Suite.

Both talks are open to the public at no charge. The program is partially funded by a grant from the ISU Faculty Speakers and Artists Committee and the Association for the Humanities in Idaho.

The conference is being jointly offered by the Idaho History Conference and the Idaho Political Science Association. Complete details on the conference may be obtained from

the Departments of History or Political Science.

Dr. Kaplan is a frequent traveler to Europe and the author of numerous books and articles on NATO and recent U.S. foreign policy. His address will discuss NATO's history within the context of post-World War II conflicts between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Dr. Kaplan also will address recent conflicts over placing U.S. missiles in Europe and will offer an assessment of NATO's future.

Dr. Taylor is currently writing a history of the Vietnam War. Her talk will cover the various intelligence activities undertaken by the CIA during the course of that war.

Her topics will include the CIA's estimates of enemy troop strength, the agency's overall assessment of America's ability to win the war, the CIA relationship with Gen. William Westmoreland, and covert CIA activities in Laos and Operation Chaos (infiltrating protest movements in the U.S.).

Dr. Taylor is on the editorial boards of the "Pacific Historical Review" and "Peace and Change."